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NOTES OF DEVAUDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AS AT 27th APRIL

In view of the COVID 10 virus outbreak DCC decided to cancel actual Council meetings until further notice. It would nevertheless publish notes updating its situation and any appropriate information.

1. Covid 19

The WG had issued new guidance regarding council involvement during the lockdown. Essentially remotely-held meetings were now allowed although certain platforms were not to be used. The Council decided however to continue to operate by updating councillors with information as required and not to hold remote meetings. In this respect it was acknowledged that the AGM would not go ahead in May as usual and the WG had agreed that the annual meetings for councils could be delayed until later in 2020. In this respect a number of community councils were considering December as probably a likely date for the AGM. DCC would await Government decisions before confirming a date for its AGM.

2. Police Report

The police reported the following incidents for this period:

27/2/20 – report of a suspicious male putting fuel into a white car in the Gethley road area. He informed the caller that he had broken down. The caller believed this was suspicious as the male was not local and there have been several reports of recent thefts in the area;

2/3/20 – report of a wild boar on the Itton road. The NRW rangers were informed;

1/4/20 – report of a red Honda quad bike stolen overnight from a garage at a property on the Gaerllwyd to Gethley road. No damage was caused to gain entry to the garage;

2/4/20 – report of suspicious activity at a property on Nex Common to Cobblers Hill. The caller witnessed a male in a silver Mitsubishi shogun open a barrier to a private road where machinery is stored. When the male saw the caller he left quickly in the vehicle. Officers attended and a wide search was made for the vehicle in the surrounding roads area with a negative result;

4/4/20 – report of stables entered at a property on Uplands road overnight. Two emus and a Rhea were let out. The birds had been locked up by the owner earlier that evening. No damage had been caused to gain entry and nothing taken;

6/4/20 – report of an outbuilding broken into overnight on Uplands road. A quad bike, cement mixer, 2 firearms and cartridges were taken. The quad bike was recovered nearby;

17/4/20 – report of 2 petrol STIHL strimmers, 1 electric STIHL trimmer, 1 electric STIHL hedge cutter and 2 chargers taken from a farm just off Devauden road. This occurred around 0430 hrs in the morning;

18/4/20 – whilst on a routine patrol, officers stopped a suspicious vehicle near The Cot/Devauden road junction. 2 males in the vehicle were arrested at the scene for drugs offences and the vehicle was recovered;

24/4/20 – report of 2 outbuildings broken into overnight at a property in The Glyn area. Padlocks were cut off to gain entry and a quantity of garden/power tools were taken from inside.

3. Matters Arising

a. Minute 5d – MCC had been asked to take on the grasscutting contract for the year for the Green, Itton Common and Rhid-y-Fedw but was currently only carrying out essential services.

4. Finance

a. Balances for 31st March 2020 were: £3617.62 and £6802.83.

b. The annual audit papers had been received. The Annual Return had been completed with the various paperwork required for this year's audit, and the Internal Auditor had completed his audit. The Return was ready for the Council to consider and approve but this could only be done at a formal meeting and not remotely.

c. Cheques were signed as follows: Merlin Waste for February and March for 2 x £52.50– cheque number 101693; HMRC for Jan- Mar for £171 – cheque number 101694; Accountants for end of year administration for £24 – cheque number 101695; Accountants for payroll services for £39.36 -cheque number 101696; Clerk's pay for March for £227.92 - cheque number 101697; Clerk's expenses for March for £11.75-cheque number 101698; Wolvesnewton Church for £100 (see above) – cheque number 101699; S Chapman for the internal audit for

£104 – cheque number 101700; Clerk’s salary for April for £228.12 – cheque number 101701.

5. **Correspondence**

- a. Written statement from the WG regarding Covid 19 and local councils.
- b. Advice from OVW regarding remotely-held meetings for local councils.
- c. Information from GAVO about a fund available to help voluntary and community organisations during the pandemic.

6. **Planning**

- a. New and completed enforcement cases for March.

7. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held when the Government rules regarding the virus outbreak are lifted.